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Mr. Dean A. Burns  
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(Attn: IAX-I-OL)

Dear Mr. Burns:

In response to your telephone conversation with [redacted] of my staff on 17 May, I am enclosing a list of National Intelligence Estimates and Special National Intelligence Estimates, which after review by analysts from CIA, the Department of State, and the Air Force, we believe are suitable for declassification under the terms of Executive Order 12356. There are 95 estimates on this list. There are additional estimates which are declassifiable from the CIA point of view but which are still awaiting review by State or the Air Force. There should be over 300 that have been reviewed by these three agencies when the additional reviews are completed.

I am also enclosing a copy of a memorandum we recently received from the Office of Security of DIA. As you will note, they are deferring to CIA's judgment on the declassification of these estimates, an action which the Navy also took previously. As you recall, on 4 February 1982 you had deferred to DIA's judgment on the release of these estimates. We assume that this arrangement still is acceptable to you. If it is not and the Army requires an additional review, please contact [redacted] at once upon receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Director of Information Services  
Directorate of Administration

## Enclosures

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
ATTENTION: CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION REVIEW DIVISION,  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

SUBJECT: Systematic Declassification Review of National Intelligence Estimates (NIE's) and Special National Intelligence Estimates (SNIE's)

1. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) has been supporting the Central Intelligence Agency in the systematic declassification review of NIE's and SNIE's under the provisions of Executive Order 12356.
2. The experience of those DIA senior analysts involved to date in the systematic declassification review process is that declassification decisions by CIA reviewers are prudent, professional, and consistent with security guidance issued by the Director of Central Intelligence. It is, therefore, considered that additional review by DIA beyond that accomplished by CIA is generally unnecessary.
3. Accordingly, DIA will in the future defer to the CIA judgement regarding systematic declassification review decisions on NIE's and SNIE's. If, in exceptional cases, CIA reviewers encounter foreign military intelligence-related information for which they are unable to make a declassification decision, the document concerned (or pertinent extracts thereof) may be forwarded to DIA, Attention: OS-3B, Washington, D.C. 20301, for review by this Agency.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:



Acting Chief  
Office of Security

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